

The Denice D. Denton Distinguished Lecture Series



Presents

Dr. Cora Marrett

Acting Director, National Science Foundation

“If It Hadn’t Been For Denice.....”: NSF and a Legacy of Inclusion”



Dr. Cora Marrett is currently the Acting Deputy Director of the National Science Foundation (NSF), pending her confirmation by the U.S. Senate. Prior roles at NSF include: Acting Director (June 2010-October 2010), Acting Deputy Director (January 2009-June 2010), Assistant Director for the Education and Human Resources Directorate (February 2007-June 2009), and Assistant Director for Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences (1992-1996). In these several roles she has been leading NSF’s mission to achieve excellence in U.S. science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education at all levels and in both formal and informal settings. Her many other prior roles include strong ties to Wisconsin. Dr. Marrett served as a Professor of Sociology at UW-Madison and as the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs at the University of Wisconsin System.

Friday, November 19th, 2010

1310 Sterling Hall

475 North Charter Street

Madison, WI 53706

3:00-4:00pm ~ Lecture

4:00-5:00pm ~ Reception

Denice Dee Denton (1959-2006) began her career as the only woman in the department of Electrical & Computer Engineering at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. During her meteoric career, she went on to become Dean of Engineering at the University of Washington, and Chancellor of the University of California, Santa Cruz, and was a leader in the areas of research, education, professional development, and diversity.

“She was bigger than life. She opened doors and stood in them to let others through. She mentored young scholars and students. Her enthusiasm for science was clear and infectious. She was a force—a magnificent force. She pushed the institutions she inhabited to be better than they wanted to be.”